

**Survey**

Throughout conference times, we will have parent surveys available for you to fill out and provide us with feedback about our World Language Program. Your input is greatly appreciated. Please complete the survey and place it in the main office of your child’s building. We look forward to your feedback to help us improve our program! Thank you in advance for your time!

**Japan**

As you know, the disaster in Japan has been devastating for the Japanese people. Our friends at our Japanese sister schools and sister city are all OK, as well as the families of our Japanese teaching staff here in Menasha. If you are interested in helping make a monetary donation, please contact the Red Cross:

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

**Did you know?**

The first week of March, we celebrated World Language week. Here are a few ways you can promote language and culture in your own homes!

1. Visit the Appleton’s Building For Kids to explore the “Jump To Japan” exhibit!
2. Prepare a meal from another country! Visit the children’s cookbook website: spatulatta.com and have the kids prepare a meal! Search by ingredients, cuisine, special occasion or featured recipes.
3. Listen to music from another culture. Visit youtube.com and type in “Top \_\_\_ Songs 2010.” For example: “Top Russian Songs 2010.”
4. Visit a restaurant that serves food from around the world. Try out TJ Thai and Japanese Steakhouse located off of Calumet St. in Darboy.
5. Visit the Menasha or Appleton Public Libraries and read stories that take place in other places around the world.

**Hanami**

Hanami, or flower viewing, is popular this time of year as the Sakura (cherry) blossoms begin to open up all over Japan.  The country side is dotted with these sweet smelling white and pink flowers.  It is a time for families and friends to gather in parks for the first picnic in Spring and enjoy the nicer weather after the long winter.

**Menasha Joint School District**

**World Language Department Mission Statement**

The Menasha Joint School District World Language Program will provide for all students grades K-12 an exposure to and knowledge of languages and cultures other than English in order to promote global awareness and second language competence in a rapidly changing world.

**Frohe Ostern**

**(Happy Easter)**

Easter is celebrated in Germany in many similar ways to here in the United States. The symbols of the Easter bunny, flowers and eggs also represent Easter for Germans. One special custom is to decorate and color hollowed out eggs which are displayed in homes. These are called ausgeblasene Eier.

**Cascarones:**

**Confetti Eggs**

In most Spanish-speaking countries, children celebrate the coming of spring and other holidays with “Cascarones”. These are hollowed, colorful eggs filled with confetti. The fun begins when someone surprises a friend by cracking the eggs over their head and watches the confetti fall!

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